AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 25 with the following:

In view of the foregoing respects, a first object of the present invention is to make a test easily executable among functional blocks even if the user does not know much about the internal configurations and operations of the functional blocks combined or if the circuit sizes of the functional blocks are enormous. A second object of the present invention is to make the signal propagation delay <u>fault</u> between <u>the functional blocks readily</u> testable [rapidly and easily].